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NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

Filing Date Granted

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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Serial No.: 09/903,522)	Examiner: <i>Unknown</i>
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Filed: July 13, 2001)	

For: A NETWORK-BASED SYSTEM FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF
PARTS WITH VIRTUAL COLLABORATIVE ENVIRONMENT
FOR DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT AND FABRICATOR SELECTION

**REQUEST FOR PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND RESPONSE TO
NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS**

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Sir:

REQUEST FOR PETITION OF EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Applicants respectfully petition the Assistant Commissioner for Patents for a two-month extension of time up to December 2, 2001, to respond to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers of August 2, 2001 received from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. The fee in the amount of \$200.00 is included in the attached check. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the PTO charges, please charge or credit any difference to Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

Responsive to the attached U.S. Patent and Trademark Office "Notice to File Corrected Application Papers" mailed August 2, 2001, Applicants submit herewith twenty-nine (29) sheets of Drawings (Figs. 1-28) in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.84 for the above-

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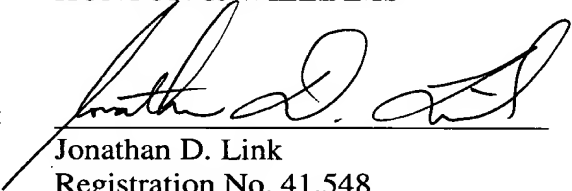
identified patent application. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that a filing date of July 13, 2001 be granted to this application.

The only fee due in connection with the filing of this Response is the Petition for Extension of Time in the amount of \$200.00, which is attached. However, in the event there is any additional fees due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Respectfully submitted,

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